

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the urgent need to fix our Nation's broken immigration system. We cannot continue to wait. The time is now to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the bill H.R. 15 would reduce the deficit by \$900 billion over the next two decades. There are 200 bipartisan cosponsors supporting H.R. 15, and the Senate overwhelmingly passed an immigration reform bill, almost to the day, last year.

We know that comprehensive immigration reform will grow our economy, so what are we waiting for?

Americans across the country want us to do something on this issue, and they want us to act now. I urge a vote on H.R. 15, the comprehensive immigration reform bill introduced by my Hispanic Caucus colleague Congressman JOE GARCIA from Florida. Now is the time.

#### IRS HARD DRIVE CRASH

(Mr. DESANTIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DESANTIS. Mr. Speaker, the American people are not buying what the IRS is selling re these lost emails.

They want us to believe that within 10 days of DAVE CAMP requesting emails from the IRS, Lois Lerner's hard drive just happened to crash; her emails are gone and unrecoverable.

Now, what are the odds that the IRS is telling the truth? My friend, colleague, and MIT grad THOMAS MASSIE provided me the following calculations:

Using the IRS's own figures, the chance that a hard drive would crash on any given day is 0.01 percent. So, over a 10-day period, the odds are basically 1 in 1,000 that your hard drive would crash. But here's the thing: only 10 percent of hard drive crashes result in having data and emails that are completely unrecoverable. So if you multiply those probabilities out, the odds that the IRS is telling the truth is one one-hundredth of 1 percent.

Now, if you, as a taxpayer, provided the IRS with an explanation that was that improbable, how long do you think it would take them to laugh in your face and hold you accountable? So the question we have, Mr. Speaker, is: Why should we accept such an improbable explanation from the IRS?

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#### BRING BACK OUR GIRLS

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in April, nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls were kidnapped by the terrorist group Boko Haram. As late as yesterday, there are reports of more abductions.

I listened in horror as the Nigerian Government announced it has com-

pleted its inquiry in the April abduction and has little progress to report. This means these girls remain in the hands of Boko Haram. Boko Haram has emerged as a well-armed insurrection, with a growing thirst for blood, and the government has no plan to take action. This is unconscionable.

The government's failure to rescue the girls and protect them has sparked international outrage and launched the Bring Back Our Girls movement dedicated to the support and rescue of the girls.

We must keep pressure on the Nigerian Government until the girls are safely returned to their families.

Please join our Tweet war every day, 9 a.m. to noon, #bringbackourgirls and #joinrepwilson. Tweet, tweet, tweet "Bring Back Our Girls."

#### CALLING FOR A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO BE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE LOIS LERNER EMAILS

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, after months of requesting all of Lois Lerner's emails, the agency now tells Congress that it has lost 2 years' worth of her emails. The IRS knew about these problems for months. They even told the White House about the lost emails, but withheld this information from Congress.

This stonewalling by the IRS must end. The complete lack of faith of my constituents in the IRS compels me to demand a special prosecutor to independently investigate the lost emails of Lois Lerner.

There needs to be an independent investigation that leaves no stone unturned. This should also include a forensic audit of their IT systems. Only then will the American people know the truth. This will send the message to the IRS that the American people will not tolerate further abuses.

#### EXTEND FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am calling, again, on the House to introduce a dose of democracy into this body.

For months, since December 28, millions of Americans have lost their extended unemployment benefits. We were elected to represent the will of the people, to chart a course for this country, and to deal with the exigent needs of those Americans who are struggling.

A majority of this House is ready to do that. A majority of this House would vote to extend Federal unemployment benefits to prevent people who have worked hard for their entire lives from losing everything that they have worked for because this body fails to act.

A majority is for it—a majority of the people and a majority of this House. The Senate will pass unemployment extension. They did once already. The President will sign it.

It is incumbent upon us to do the will of the people. If we do not do this, we bear responsibility for the fact that, for generations, poverty could be inflicted upon people who have worked hard their entire lives and stand a chance of losing everything simply because we won't act.

#### CONGRATULATING ANDREW ARSHT AND ANDREW MARKOFF

(Mr. BISHOP of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, on April 1 of this year, Georgetown University seniors, Andrew Arsht—who happens to be a Utahan in my district—and Andrew Markoff won the 68th National Debate Tournament for the second time in 3 years.

As sophomores and seniors, they were the national citizenship team. As juniors, they were in the final four, which means they are the only team in the history to accomplish these standards each year.

There have been 286 colleges who have competed at this tournament since 1947. Only eight of those colleges have actually won more championships than these two guys by themselves.

They are the only team to have won two national championships and the Copeland Award for the best yearlong performance. Arsht was also named as the top individual speaker at the tournament.

I congratulate these two debaters, as well as congratulations to Jonathan Paul, who is the director of debate at Georgetown University.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOU GEHRIG'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this Fourth of July will mark the 75th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's historic farewell address at Yankee Stadium, where he brought national attention to the disease that bears his name today. Sadly, so many decades later, we are still struggling to understand the cause of ALS, and there is still no known cure.

On June 13, I was proud to join the Rhode Island ALS chapter to reaffirm our commitment to the families affected by this disease. Hearing their stories emboldened me to fight harder than ever for additional research funding that will lead to more effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

Lou Gehrig famously said in his farewell speech:

I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for.

So, too, do the millions of people in the fight against ALS—I recognize them and the caregivers that take care of them. They are unsung heroes as well. Together, I know this is a fight that we can win.

#### POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS AWARENESS DAY

(Mr. BILIRAKIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Posttraumatic Stress Awareness Day on Friday, June 27.

Approximately one in five veterans that served in Iraq and Afghanistan has been diagnosed with PTS, with many also affected by other mental illnesses and physical disabilities. All our veterans deserve treatment, Mr. Speaker.

There is almost one veteran suicide an hour. This is inexcusable. It is vital that we recognize the invisible wounds that are just as serious as the physical ones.

The one-size-fits-all doesn't always work. That is why I am introducing the creating options for veterans expedited recovery act tomorrow that will pave the way towards alternative treatments for those suffering from PTS.

All options should be on the table to treat our true American heroes, Mr. Speaker.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation, and let's get our veterans covered.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the House to action.

On Friday, we will mark 1 year since the Senate passed comprehensive immigration reform with broad bipartisan support. We also mark 1 year of inaction in this House, where we have not even had one vote on immigration reform.

This is despite the fact that we have had a House bill with 200 bipartisan cosponsors. This is despite the fact that we have a House bill that 80 percent of Americans support, and this is despite the fact that hundreds of businesses, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a variety of religious organizations, are all calling for the same thing: comprehensive immigration reform.

It is not just a moral thing to do, it is the right thing to do for our economy, for public safety, and to reduce our deficit.

The time is now.

I am asking House leadership today: bring this bipartisan effort to the floor for a vote.

#### HONORING ANNETTE LAMBERT

(Mr. DAINES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vice Chairwoman Annette Lambert of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, who recently passed away.

Serving her people was Ms. Lambert's calling in life. Prior to her election to the tribal executive board, she was a businesswoman who helped provide services and jobs on the reservation.

She inspired the young men and women to pursue higher education as a volunteer member of the tribe's higher education board of directors and one of the founders of Fort Peck Community College, a tribal college in Poplar, Montana.

Ms. Lambert will be greatly missed by many. Her commitment to service and leadership should not only serve as an inspiration for her fellow tribal members, but for all Montanans.

#### VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, we are here today to celebrate two very different anniversaries. Fifty years ago, we enjoyed the Freedom Summer and the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that paved the way for voting rights in this country.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, 49 years later—and 1 year ago today—the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, saying that it was outdated and unjustified.

Since this decision, we have seen that the Voting Rights Act is needed more than ever now before. From 2000 to 2013, there were a recorded 148 violations in 29 States, meaning 29 States have actively tried to pass laws, such as requiring a photo ID or cutting out early voting, which limits access to the ballot.

It is time we pass the Voting Rights Amendment Act, of which I am a proud cosponsor, and keep fighting until voting rights are reinstated in this country.

#### PROTECT STUDENTS FROM FAILING INSTITUTIONS ACT

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, over the last decade, we have seen too many for-profit colleges deceive their students and mismanage their finances, all while reaping millions of dollars in Federal funding.

It is critical that we hold institutions accountable for delivering quality education, but we must also protect the students who fall victim to these schools and ensure that they don't have to live with the mistakes of the college, should they close.

That is why I have introduced the Protecting Students from Failing In-

stitutions Act, which ensures every student who was enrolled at a school that closed the campus has the assurance that their Federal loans will be forgiven and their Pell grants restored.

Career Colleges of America, a for-profit college with a campus in my district in South Gate, abruptly closed earlier this year, abandoning hundreds of students, with tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt and no degree to show for it. That is inexcusable, and our students deserve better.

There have been instances of other for-profit schools that have closed across this country.

I am going to continue—and I hope you do too—to work to protect hard-working students in my district across the country from these shameful predatory practices.

#### ASK VETERANS ACT

(Mr. O'ROURKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, from the day that I was sworn into office, I have heard from the veterans that I have the honor of representing that while—when they can get into the VA to seek care—the care is great and the providers are wonderful, it is too hard to get an appointment, and that appointment, once given, is often canceled.

The VA, on the other hand, was telling me something far different, that there were no problems with wait times.

To resolve the differences, we surveyed the veterans themselves. What they told us was that more than 36 percent of the veterans that I represent cannot get in to receive a mental health care appointment. This is at a time when we have 22 veteran suicides every day in this country.

That is why I join my colleague from across the State and across the aisle, Mr. FLORES, to introduce the ask veterans act, so that we do this in every community and VHA district in this country, so that veterans help us lead the VA out of the crisis that we are currently in.

We cannot trust the VA to tell us how the VA is doing, but we can certainly trust veterans to do just that.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO TIM DUNCAN OF THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my hometown stars, Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs.

Tim is a five-time champion, a 14-time all star, a two-time MVP, and a three-time finals MVP. He grew up on my home island of St. Croix, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and he graduated from St. Dunstan's Episcopal School